

REMARKS

In the communication dated January 11, 2006, the Examiner indicates that the Reply filed September 30, 2005 was non-responsive. Specifically, Applicant indicated in the Reply that claims 1-31 are drawn to the elected invention of Figures 1-5. However, the Examiner disagrees for the reasons set forth in paragraph 1 of the Examiner's Communication.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects Species I, illustrated in Fig(s). 1-5, without traverse.

Applicant basically accepts the Examiner's analysis and generally agrees that the claims that read on the elected invention include claims 1-10, 14, 22-26 and 30. However, claim 31 should be included in the group that reads on the elected invention. Claim 31 can be drawn from Figs. 1-5 in accordance with the description at page 33, lines 4-14 of the specification. Finally, as acknowledged by the Examiner, at least claim 1 is generic.

Applicant respectfully submits that the species election is fully responsive.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner, Registration No. 32,181 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

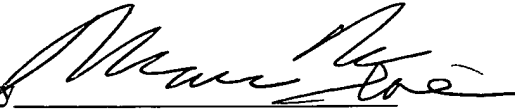
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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